

## REMARKS

In the Official Action of November 20, 2002, the Examiner objected to the language in the claims as being objectionable pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112. In order to obviate these objections, various amendments have been made to claim 1, including insertion of language suggested by Examiner. Perhaps the most relevant language which has been inserted indicates that the bucket wall is annular. Secondly, the bucket wall is now "connecting to" an annular lip. The language directed to the annular lip is believed to clearly set forth the component parts thereof including an inwardly inclined wall connected to a vertically extending, upward wall, which is connected to an outwardly extending horizontal flange that is connected to an upwardly extending vertical rim. The relationship of the various radii claimed are also set forth with greater particularity.

In view of these amendments, it is believed that the claims are distinguishable from the Letica Patents No. 4,429,805 and No. 4,293,080. First, Letica does not include a horizontal flange. Second, Letica does not include an upright vertical rim wall as claimed. The outside face of the rim wall has a radius less than the radius of the inside wall of the annular bucket wall. Referring to Figure 12 of the Application, in the disclosed embodiment, the outside radius of the rim wall is 6.508/2 inches and the inside radius of the annular bucket wall is 6.568/2 inches. This construction facilitates the design and utilization of a lid in combination with the upper annular lip of the bucket.

In view of the foregoing it is believed, therefore, that the claims in their amended condition are allowable. To the extent that a terminal disclaimer is necessary with respect to the subject matter of this application, such terminal disclaimer will be provided.

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